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from the EDITOR'S CHAIR

CHESSMAN IN RETROSPECT

Hardly a session of the State Legislature goes by these years without a bill to abolish capital punishment.

Last year saw a surprising swell of popular sentiment behind the move. Somehow or other, the campaign got mixed up with the Caryl Chessman case and the political future of Governor Edmund G. Brown.

Chessman, of course, was a rat. He was a fascinating rat. He wrote books and legal briefs in prison, and he was a sex symbol to the ladies.

Who could resist a virile, handsome rapist, cooped up in prison all those years?

It was rank persecution!

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PAT'S ROLE

As for the governor—known as "Pat" to all Irishmen and phony Irishmen in the Democratic Party—he was partly the victim of circumstances.

It should be pointed out that "Pat" is not alone in making the laws of California, including the one which prescribes death by hydrocyanic gas asphyxiation for certain types of offenders.

It should also be mentioned that Chessman's execution was strictly in accord with these laws. The man certainly wasn't denied opportunity for appeal.

In fact, the travesty on justice by which one man could prolong his life 10 years in Death Row, while others got off and still others died quickly, dramatized the death penalty to the world.

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NEW OUTLOOK

But the fact that some die and some get off isn't the main argument against the death penalty.

More important issues are:

1. Whether the death penalty stops people from killing others. There is widespread disagreement on this.

2. Whether criminals should be treated as sick persons needing rehabilitation, or as naughty boys to be punished. California is moving in the direction of rehabilitation.

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ON ITS MERITS

To get back to Governor "Pat" Brown, Bob Ash has the right idea: Let's remember the good things he's done for labor and stop throwing the Chessman case and the water bonds at him.

This, however, should not prevent sober consideration of the death penalty by the Legislature next month.

It should be considered, not in the light of the Chessman case, or Brown's political future (which is brighter than the gloom experts say), but on its merits.

OFFICIAL NOTICES

Unions will find notices of important meetings called by their officers on page 5 of this issue of the Journal.

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Labor council declares war on foreign imports

Letters against Harrah's Club calendar urged

The threat of foreign products to Alameda County jobs drew fire from Central Labor Council delegates and one visitor Monday night.

The visitor was H. V. Coplin, international representative of the American Flint Glass Workers Union, who suggested distribution of "Buy USA" bumper strips. The Flint Glass Workers are fighting use of Japanese made Coca Cola bottles.

Discussion started on a motion by John W. Austin of Typographers 36, who called for a letter writing campaign to Harrah's Club, which operates gambling casinos at Reno and Lake Tahoe.

Harrah's Club's 1961 calendars were printed in Japan.

The "Made in Japan" imprint is in small print in one corner of the calendar, Austin told delegates.

"Nevada's gambling business is made possible by the working people of California," Austin declared. "Doing printing out of the country is exporting our jobs."

Austin's motion called for notification of all Central Labor Council affiliates, urging them to protest the printing of the calendars in Japan.

He urged both union officials and rank-and-file members to write to:

Robert A. Ring,
General Manager,
Harrah's Club,
Reno, Nev.

Say it in your own words or contact Oakland Typographical Union, Local 36, for a sample letter, Austin told CLC delegates.

He asked that all those who write letters send copies to Local 36 for its files.

An amendment by Peter J. Ceremello of Paint Makers 1101 provided that a copy of this issue of the East Bay Labor Journal, telling of the protest, also be sent to Ring.

MORE on page 15

No labor council meeting scheduled until Jan. 9

Because of the holidays, there will be no Central Labor Council meetings on Monday, Dec. 26, and Monday, Jan. 2.

The next regular meeting is scheduled for Monday, Jan. 9.

Nominations for all Central Labor Council officers except two trustees will be held Jan. 23 and Jan. 30. Elections are scheduled for Feb. 6.



SUPERVISOR DUNN

Dunn decries lack of union members in public employ

County Supervisor Francis Dunn of Painters 127 visited the Central Labor Council Monday night and deplored the small number of card carrying unionists on the county's payroll.

As far as he knows, Dunn said, he is one of only two paid-up Painters drawing county pay. At one time, virtually all building tradesmen in the county's employ were members of their respective unions, Dunn told CLC delegates.

The same applies to other public jurisdictions, including federal employees in Alameda County and employees of the University of California, Dunn said.

"This bothers me," the chairman of the Board of Supervisors told his fellow unionists, "and it should bother all union people."

ELECTION TIE-IN

Dunn made his observation after discussing the drop in the Democratic vote in California between 1958 and 1960.

"The thing we have to do in the next two years," he said, "is to get better unified."

XMAS EVE REMINDER ON COLUMN AND NOTICES

Monday, Dec. 26, is a holiday for the East Bay Labor Journal, too.

That means the deadline for union columns and meeting notices is today (Friday, Dec. 23) at noon.

Deadline for columns and meeting notices for the Jan. 6 issue is noon Friday, Dec. 30, because Monday, Jan. 2, is a holiday, too.

Thank you, and Merry Christmas. And Happy New Year.

BTC debates telegram on Goldberg--OK's it

Alameda County building tradesmen indicated Tuesday night that they have buried the hatchet as far as new Secretary of Labor Arthur Goldberg is concerned.

Building trades opposition to Goldberg, top legal expert for the United Steelworkers, was reported widely by syndicated columnists in the daily press following his appointment to the cabinet post.

Some mixed emotions were in evidence Tuesday night over a letter from Carpenters 1622, asking the Alameda County Building Trades Council to request that all unions send telegrams congratulating President-elect Kennedy on the Goldberg appointment.

The prevailing sentiment seemed to be expressed by Charles Roe of Carpenters 1622 and Joe Hightower of Carpenters 36.

Roe pointed out that the opposition came before Goldberg's appointment to the cabinet.

Hightower said unionists should go along with the President-elect.

"We all know what Goldberg said, but he may turn out to be a good friend of ours," Hightower declared.

Delegates voted to concur in

the recommendation of Local 1622.

LOCAL 1622 LETTER

The letter from Carpenters 1622 said that the union voted at its Dec. 16 meeting to inform the Building Trades Council that it had sent a telegram to President-elect Kennedy, congratulating him on the Goldberg appointment.

The letter asked the council to request all unions to do the same.

Plumbers 444 received strike sanction against association and independent contractors.

HOME OWNERS GROUP

It was reported that representatives of the Home Owners Service Group had appeared before the executive board and agreed to a union contract and that negotiations are in progress.

XMAS PARTY

After a short business meeting, BTC delegates held their annual Christmas party. President Joseph Pruss adjourned by wishing all building tradesmen Merry Christmas and Happy New Year.

On behalf of the Building Trades Council, Pruss said he wanted to extend the same wish to all those in the labor movement.

A Xmas story about Santa, integration and Carpenters 36

Larry Leipsic of Carpenters 36 is a former resident of the New Orleans area.

That's why Local 36 attracted nationwide attention this week in a drive to send Christmas cards, and financial aid to the family of Yolanda Gabrielle.

Yolanda was one of the white children heckled for attending an integrated school during recent demonstrations in that historic city.

Her father, James Gabrielle, was a city meter reader. But he was so harassed following the family's brave stand that he quit his job and left the area.

MOVED TO RHODE ISLAND

That's where Leipsic came in. He read that the family had moved to Providence, R.I., and that the father was trying to find work there.

Knowing that Christmas would be bleak for a family whose bravery he admired, Leipsic got

up on the floor of a union meeting and moved to start a fund to help the Gabrieles.

Al Thoman, business agent for Local 36, told the Central Labor Council Monday night that he had made two phone calls to Rhode Island in an attempt to find the family's new address.

As of Tuesday, the address was still unknown here.

But United Press International was called into the search, thus spreading word of Carpenters 36's campaign all over the United States.

Richard K. Groulx, assistant secretary of the Central Labor Council, was trying to contact the labor council in Providence to get help to the Gabrieles.

Tom Anderson of Dining Car Cooks and Waiters 456 commended the Carpenters 36 effort and said he would propose to his local that they contribute, too.

Yes, Yolanda, there is a Santa Claus.

HOW TO BUY

Consumer outlook for 1961

By SIDNEY MARGOLIUS
Labor Consumer Advisor for Labor Journal

Families struggling with the steep prices of food this winter can look forward to a breather. Living costs will level off for 1961.

Not that you can expect really lower costs this year. Food and housing prices will remain near their present high levels.

But you will be able to find relatively good buys in clothing, household equipment, some building materials and used cars.

For homeseekers, mortgages will be more available this year, with interest rates slightly lower. For renting families there will be more vacancies, with rentals leveling off near present rates.

The most stubborn money problem for your family in 1961 will be climbing medical costs. These have been rising at the rate of almost five per cent a year for the past ten years.

IN FOOD, you can expect beef and veal to be plentiful and cheaper in '61. Best buys in beef this year will be the grass-fed lower grades, used mostly for hamburger, pot roast and stew. But pork is in scarce supply and will be expensive, especially during the first half of the year.

Besides beef, poultry will be cheap this coming year, especially broilers, fryers and turkeys.

Eggs, however, have been expensive this past year and will continue to be expensive in '61. Egg prices have been running about 20 cents a dozen higher than a year ago.

One way to keep down costs is to buy Grade A for table use (boiling, poaching, frying) but Grade B for scrambling, omelets and recipe and baking needs.

Both grades have the same nutrition. Chief difference is that Grade A eggs have thicker white, firmer yolk.

You will need to watch prices of canned fruits and vegetables. Some of these, including frozen orange concentrate, will cost more this year, and can make inroads on your budget.

Look for higher prices for canned peas, but the same or lower prices for canned snap beans, spinach and limas.

Use canned orange juice, tomato juice, grapefruit juice and blends as alternatives to 1961's higher prices of frozen orange juice.

Fresh fruits, especially apples and pears, will be expensive until the 1961 crops are harvested in the second half of the year. In

fresh vegetables, tomatoes will cost you a lot this year, lettuce more, but cabbage, cauliflower and broccoli will be cheaper.

HOME APPLIANCES: Refrigerators are the No. 1 bargain for 1961, with both factories and retailers cutting prices as much as \$50 in recent months. The type growing in popularity is the combination refrigerator-freezer with automatic defrost, now accounting for half of all purchases.

Another buying opportunity for '61 is the reduced prices on electric ranges. Improved models of these and gas ranges have been developed, with most gas ranges now equipped with automatic oven lighting and oversized simmer burners, reports George C. Johnson, of the U.S. Labor Department.

But there are no signs of any sizable reductions yet on furniture and rugs. Manufacturers so far are maintaining their prices despite poor business. One improvement in furniture increasingly used, is plastic veneers finished to resemble wood grains, to provide mar-resistant table tops.

Families planning home improvements will find 1961 a little better year to install new heating equipment and plumbing fixtures, with prices down slightly.

Lumber, and especially plywood, have been selling at relatively low prices. Prices of roofing materials also have been reduced.

HOUSES: For 1961, there will be easier mortgages, more foreclosures (more families are losing their homes), and no decrease in prices.

But construction costs at least are leveling off from the steady boosts of about 3 per cent a year for the past ten years.

The big problem in buying a house this year is the steep price of land. Johnson reports that typical prices in 1947 were \$9,000 for the house and \$1,000 for the lot, a total of \$10,000. Today the house costs \$14,000 and the lot \$3,000. Total: \$17,000.

Land used to comprise 19-12 per cent of the value of a house. Now it takes 16-18 per cent.

The housing cost increase has been made seemingly less painful by stretching out the payments. But the deception of higher prices and higher mortgage rates, concealed by longer mortgages, is tragically costly to family finances.

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Don't give your child 'boobytrap'

Some toys can be lethal weapons, the Eastbay Chapter of the National Safety Council warns.

The council urges parents to avoid toys that have small removable parts or sharp metal points when buying for young children.

Also, buy toys safe for the age of the child who is to receive it.

"A chemistry set is an interesting and instructive toy when a child is old enough to handle it," said Dr. Lester E. Johnson, home safety chairman, "but in the hands of a five-year-old it might be a deadly weapon."

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Maternity benefit laws are scarce

Maternity benefits in the United States are provided women workers chiefly through voluntary action of employers and unions rather than through legislation, according to the U.S. Labor Department.

The only state where pregnant women workers are entitled by law to cash maternity benefits is Rhode Island. There the Temporary Disability Insurance Act provides that employed women are entitled to cash benefits for disabilities due to pregnancy for six weeks before and six weeks after childbirth.

Puerto Rico requires the employers to pay to the working mother during an eight-week period one-half of her regular wage or salary and to hold her job for her during that time.

The only federal legislation giving benefits directly to pregnant employees in private industry is an amendment to the Railroad Unemployment Insurance Act, which provides special maternity benefits for women workers in the railroad industry.

Unwanted ties back in the mails

The Oakland Better Business Bureau has issued a warning about unordered neckties which have been arriving in local mailboxes.

The sender, the Necktie Workers Organization of Wellston, Mo., claims to be a non-profit organization employing the handicapped.

According to the BBB, ties are bought from a regular tie factory but are packaged and addressed by the organization. However, it has received no proof that funds are used to help the handicapped, the BBB says.

The bureau reminds East Bay residents that they are not required to return unordered merchandise, even if return postage is included. If the sender does not call for the tie within a reasonable time, dispose of it.

Use of the tie indicates acceptance, and payment is then required, according to the BBB.

Reducing drug ruled ineffective

A Kansas judge has ruled that Regimen compound is falsely labeled as a weight reducer through appetite control.

State food and drug agents seized a wholesaler's stock of the compound in 1959, but the case has been pending since. The drug company said it would appeal.

Equality

A fool and his money are soon parted. After all, he's no better than the rest of us—Wall Street Journal.

Sign of times

The federal cost-of-living index now includes the cost of tranquilizer pills.—Mine Workers' Journal.

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To the Ladies:

FROM the EDITOR

CENSORSHIP of obscene books is dangerous to freedom of the press and doesn't accomplish what the censors want it to do, anyway.

These were among the points stressed by Professor John Merryman of the Stanford University Law School at the 11th annual Labor Press Conference of the California Labor Federation.

Merryman, former chairman of the Northern California Chapter, American Civil Liberties Union, said the major effect of censorship laws is to make room for bootlegging and abuses—for example, seizure of mails by postal authorities without a hearing.

THESE 10 BOOKS have been banned in the United States at one time or another, Professor Merryman said:

1. "Lysistrata" by Aristophanes.
2. Reproductions of Michelangelo's paintings on the walls of the Sistine Chapel.
3. "Candide" by Voltaire.
4. "Confessions" by Rousseau.
5. "Wonder Stories" by Hans Christian Anderson.
6. "Leaves of Grass" by Walt Whitman.
7. "Tom Sawyer" by Mark Twain.
8. "The Sun Also Rises" by Ernest Hemingway.
9. "All's Quiet on the Western Front" by Erich Maria Remarque.
10. "Grapes of Wrath" by John Steinbeck.

"FEW CENSORS are really prepared to do their job well," Merryman told the labor editors. Even with a literary background, their tendency is to over-censor.

Those favoring more censorship say they don't want youngsters to read about crime and sex. Yet evidence indicates that dirty books don't cause juvenile delinquency and that delinquents read practically nothing, Merryman said.

The professor cited a Harvard survey listing 90 causes of juvenile delinquency. Pornography was not on the list.

THE REAL DANGER, Professor Merryman said, is that the desire to censor is "an illness impervious to reason." It doesn't stop at pornography but menaces the rights of political and religious dissenters to write and speak their beliefs.

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Chauffeurs 923 wins NLRB vote at S.J. cab firm

Oakland Chauffeurs Local 923 won an NLRB election to represent nearly 100 drivers of the Mission Yellow Cab Co. in San Jose last week.

Leo J. Kell, secretary of Local 923, said he would immediately ask the NLRB for certification as the bargaining agent, as a preliminary step to negotiating a contract for the drivers.

In the NLRB vote, held Monday, Dec. 12, and Tuesday, Dec. 13, Chauffeurs 823 received 34 votes, the Mission Yellow Cab Drivers and Owners Assn. 9 votes, and "no union" 20 votes.

The runoff was made necessary by the fact that none of the three choices received a majority of votes cast in an earlier NLRB election.

In the first election, Chauffeurs 923 got 37 votes, the Mission Yellow Cab Drivers and Owners Assn. 19, and "no union" 19.

Another Teamster local, San Jose Automotive Teamsters 576, represented the company's drivers until early this year.

Three employees launched an attempt to have the NLRB decertify Local 923 and were fired by the company. A settlement agreement negotiated by the NLRB indicated that they were fired for their decertification attempts.

All three were reinstated but have since left the company's employ for other reasons.

The NLRB found that a pre-hire agreement in Local 576's contract with the cab company was illegal.

Although the decertification attempt was dropped against Local 576, the union later stepped out as bargaining agent. This paved the way for the drivers' campaign to bring in the Oakland local to represent them.

SIERRA CLUB members voted down a loyalty oath, 6-1, the club said last week.

ATTENTION! CARPENTERS AND AFFILIATED UNIONS

Charles Roe of Carpenters 1622, member of the Administrative Board, Four Counties Vacation Plan, has issued the following notice for all members of the United Brotherhood of Carpenters engaged in the construction industry:

As of November 4, 1960, there were still approximately 13,000 vacation checks in the hands of the depository bank for which application had not been made.

Under the terms of the Administrative Agreement establishing the Four Bay Counties Carpenters Vacation Plan (the Four Bay Counties being the distributing agent for all 46 Counties for accruals in the year 1959), 1959 accruals not withdrawn by midnight December 31, 1960 shall be deemed to have been contributed to the Administrative Account and payment shall therefore not be made to the individuals in whose name said funds accrued.

Accordingly, all carpenters who have not as yet withdrawn 1959 accruals are urged in the strongest possible terms to complete an Application for Vacation and Request for Withdrawal and submit that application to the Administrative Office immediately and in no event later than midnight December 31, 1960.

Contact your local union office for further information.

George Lallement better

George Lallement of Building Service Employees 18 is now home from Providence Hospital, recuperating from a heart attack.

Lallement wishes to thank all those who telephoned him and sent cards while he was in the hospital, according to his wife, Edna, president of Local 18.

EBMUD employees ask conciliators to sit in on talks

State, County and Municipal Employees 444 is asking that the State Conciliation Service enter its talks with the East Bay Municipal Utility District.

The union had asked EBMUD officials for a meeting on terms and conditions, the right to use a bulletin board for its notices and payroll deduction of dues.

EBMUD officials agreed to meet, then issued an anti-union letter to all employees, according to Charles Hogan, international representative of the American Federation of State, County and Municipal Employees.

Management told the employees, Hogan said, that they can process grievances without the union.

The letter told employees the union cannot sit in on grievance procedures until they reach the Employee Council. Hogan described this as a "stacked panel."

Hogan said EBMUD has granted dues checkoff to an employee association.

On Tuesday, Dec. 13, union members authorized their executive board to seek State Conciliation Service help. The board was authorized to ask the Central Labor Council to support the drive and place EBMUD on the unfair list.

Action was withheld on contacting the labor council, however, pending further developments.

Local 444 now represents about 300 EBMUD employees, most of them in operational departments. The local was chartered following a recent organizational drive by the AFSCME.

Apprenticeship meeting

The Santa Maria Area Joint Apprenticeship Committee will host the next meeting of the California Apprenticeship Council, Jan. 26, 27 and 28, 1961.

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School administration still trying to sabotage Laney trades program

Another charge that school officials are trying to undermine the apprenticeship program at Laney Campus of Oakland City College has been issued by Central Labor Council Secretary Robert S. Ash.

Ash made his remarks to Central Labor Council delegates following a meeting of union officials with a subcommittee of PACE, educational investigative group.

The administration of the Oakland school system wants to do away with apprenticeship and vocational courses at the former Laney Trades Institute by requiring students to take college-type liberal arts courses, Ash said.

Administrators are pushing this plan, Ash charged, even though only one per cent of those who attend Laney go on to higher education.

Bakery Drivers 432 elects Mitchell Trustee

Bernard W. Mitchell was elected to a three-year term as trustee of Bakery Wagon Drivers and Salesmen 432 Saturday, Dec. 17, it was announced by Les Benham, secretary-treasurer and business representative.

He will replace A. J. Capurro, who is retiring after more than 25 years as a trustee of the local.

Olive pickers win union shop, 50 per cent raise in Valley Springs strike

Olive pickers at the B&L ranch near Valley Springs won a union shop and a 50 per cent wage increase after a recent eight-day strike.

Representatives of the AFL-CIO Agricultural Workers Organizing Committee (AWOC) were guaranteed access to workers on the job.

In other areas, the AWOC said, olive strikes brought the rate up from \$1 to \$1.25 for a 33-pound lug, with premium rates up to \$2.

Several growers have agreed to the union's proposal to start negotiations for next season's harvest well in advance of picking.

'Some sales tax money goes into store's profits'

State Consumer Counsel Helen Nelson warned last week that some merchants are cheating on sales tax collections from buyers.

She cited these abuses:

1. Use of rigged sales tax charts.
2. Charging tax on each taxable item, instead of the total.
3. Collecting tax on non-taxable items, including labor.

The State Board of Equalization promised to cooperate with Mrs. Nelson in drafting laws to stop the abuses.

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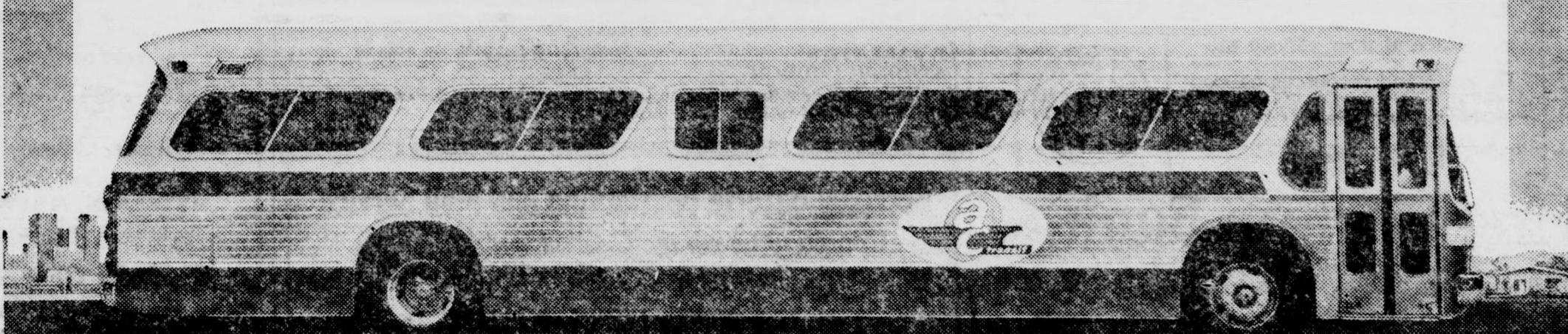
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Steamfitters Local 342

By JIM MARTIN

Pursuant to this union's off-year election of officers and delegates to the United Association and California Pipe Trades conventions, held Sunday, Dec. 11, certain candidates requested in writing a recount of the ballots cast for the Board of Trustees, Skilled Improvement Committee, Apprenticeship Committee and the United Association National Convention.

This recount was held Sunday, Dec. 18, and was conducted by the Election Committee under supervision of our president and the candidates involved, along with other members of this union who were interested in the recount.

A full report of this matter and the results of the recount will be presented by the Election Committee to the members at the meeting to be held Thursday, Jan. 5, 1961. At this time, with the exception of candidates on Apprenticeship Committee, who showed a tie vote on a recount, the installation of officers will be held.

The runoff election will be held in accordance with this union's bylaws and will be held from 6 p.m. to 10:30 p.m. on Thursday, Jan. 5, in Hall H of the Labor Temple. Sample ballots are being mailed to you.

Kindly arrange your affairs so that you may be present for the installation of officers, also to vote. A buffet luncheon and refreshments will be served. This union's first pension checks to our retired members will also be presented at this time.

Remember the date, Jan. 5, for the installation of officers, runoff election for candidates for the Apprenticeship Committee and presentation of the first pension checks to our retired members.

Watchmakers Local 101

By GEORGE F. ALLEN

We received two price advertising reports the past week, one in the Oakland Tribune from a downtown small jeweler, and the other from the Cambrian Shopping Center (that is be-

tween San Jose and Los Gatos, which is still in our territory). The difference between the two issues was as wide as the distance was that I had to travel to cover both instances.

The one in the southern part of our area, I believe, did not quite understand our position on no price advertising, but the one in the East Bay area I cannot agree that they did not understand our position. But I am satisfied that neither of them will do it again.

The one in the south was an ad that read \$3 off on watch cleaning (off what we do not know—it was just off). The ad appeared under the name of the Doll House, which I found was a combination barber shop, beautician shop and watch repair. There was even, on the top of one of the small jewelry showcases, a rack of bagged candy and salted peanuts for sale.

It is a long story. I can't go into all of it, but if you want to hear of the new method of repairing watches with a blower, come out to the next meeting and I'll explain it to you.

Regardless of all this, the owner did agree to cooperate with us in the future.

The one in the East Bay was a low watch repair price ad, run in small print mixed in with some larger jewelry price advertising. It was so small and inconspicuous that very few of our own members who look for this type of advertising noticed it. And in the smallest print I have ever seen in a newspaper the words "staff and main spring slightly extra" were inserted.

Jerry Riskin, whom some of you know, agreed that he would not run this type of advertising again. If he does, the union will request that he sign our watchmakers subcontracting agreement.

The organization hopes that all the members and their families read this column because it is through this means that we are extending to each and every one of you a very merry Christmas and a happy New Year from all the officers of the organization.

May I also personally thank each of you who takes the time to send me a personal card and may I add my own personal wishes for the season's greetings to all of you.

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By AL ARELLANO

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In a later column we will outline how this blood bank replenishes its own supply.

Tri-State Council Death Assessment No. 452 is now due and payable.

I would like to close this column with this thought in mind:

We who work in and out of this office for the members of Local 216 wish each and every member and his family the Happiest of Christmases and the most Prosperous of New Years.

LLOYD CHILD
BOB QUINN
JOE PRUSS
ELIAS ARELLANO
JEAN EBEL
WILHELMEN THOMAS

Printing Specialties JDC 5

By FREDRICK T. SULLIVAN

"Tis the season to be jolly—so we wish you all a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year. If you didn't come and bring the children to the union Christmas party, you missed a good thing. The party was held at the Grand Lake Theater in Oakland starting at 9:30 a.m. last Saturday. The manager of the theater said that there were over 560 and possibly 600 there. Santa Claus, in the person of Marshall Thorpe, was there. John Ferro and his

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committee are to be congratulated on the smooth flow of things and the nice gifts that they were able to get to give to the children. We hope there were no tummy aches from the candy, but Christmas only comes once a year; so the pain is short lived.

The program on the screen ran for two hours with nothing but cartoons and comedy shorts, and the kids really enjoyed them. You could tell from the way they clapped at the end of each one. We still like Tom and Jerry the best. We were all out of the show by 12:15; so the day wasn't completely taken up by bringing the kids to the show.

Next year we will have a bigger and better party; so make plans now to attend.

Speaking of Christmas, we hope that there will be no presents under your tree that were bought with union wages at a certain big mail order store that hates the guts of organized labor. The boycott is still on at Sears, and will be until all of the people who were unjustly fired are back on the payroll in their rightful jobs.

Plumbers Local 444

By BEN H. BEYNON

Your union's off-year election was held on Wednesday, Dec. 14, for officers and delegates to the 28th convention of the United Association, the California State Pipe Trades convention or any other convention that might be held in the year of 1961.

With 718 eligible voters, and 214 members voting, the following were elected in the order named:

Executive Board: John Garavanta, Seymour Bachman.

Finance Committee: Frank Weinmann.

Trust Funds Trustees: Ben H. Beynon, Hubert Ross, Arthur M. Cleary, John Garavanta, Dominick J. Mooney, Frank Weinmann.

California Pipe Trades Convention Delegates: Ben H. Beynon, Dominick J. Mooney, George Hess, Arthur M. Cleary, Bert J. Porter, Michael Cahill.

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Your officers for the year of 1961 will remain the same as the list previously sent you.

Installation of officers and Old Timers Night, honoring them with length of service pins and certificates, will be held on Wednesday, Jan. 25, 1961.

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By SAM CAPONIO

The officers of Painters Local Union 127 wish to extend to each member and his family season's greetings and best wishes for the coming year! We wish to thank those members who aided their officers in conducting their union business for the past year. We wish to thank those members who gave of their spare time painting the Boys' Club project, decorating Oak Knoll hospital and other projects. We wish to thank the entertainment committee for their efforts toward providing entertainment for the members. We wish to thank those members who, at great personal sacrifice, insisted upon their rights under our contract and received no support from their fellow workers and were probably laid off for their efforts. We wish to thank those foremen who refused to break the agreement under all kinds of pressure and treated their fellow workers as men and not whipping posts. We wish to thank all those members who really believe in the principles of the Labor Movement and are doing their best to uphold them.

A Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year to all!

Chips and Chatter

By AL THOMAN

The list this week is up to 250. The calls are only a few. 1622 says they have over 330 on their sheet and the other three downtown have over 125. That makes nearly 700 in the county looking and waiting.

Vacation forms for 1959 money are still coming in well. Do you know anyone who has not collected; if so, tell them to get squared away soon.

We had a second meeting last Saturday with the U.C. Committee and our Building Trades Committee, and another one Saturday, Dec. 17. Progress in understanding and explanation is the main product so far, and that is good.

Well, Merry and Happy for the season, and I will be with you next week.

MORE COLUMNS

Notes of Hayward Painters 1178 and the Carpenters Credit Union will be found on page 13 of this week's East Bay Labor Journal.

THIS WEEK was Collective Bargaining Week for the Oil, Chemical and Atomic Workers Union.

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OFFICIAL UNION NOTICES

AUTOMOTIVE MACHINISTS 1546

The next regular meeting of Tuesday, January 3, 1961, has been changed to the following Friday, January 6, at which time we will honor as our special guests, members who are to receive Grand Lodge awards for continuous membership for 15 years and over.

There will be a short business meeting between 7 and 8 p.m., followed by the installation of officers, introductions and presentations of awards.

Immediately after the ceremonies the floor will be cleared for dancing. Refreshments will be served in an adjoining hall.

As committee chairman, I sincerely hope you will take this opportunity to honor these members by your presence and enjoy an evening of good fellowship with your brother members.

Be sure to bring a partner and enjoy an evening of dancing to the music of Dick Graeber and his orchestra.

Best wishes to you and yours for a Happy Holiday Season and a Prosperous New Year.

Fraternally yours,
A. J. HAYES,
Recording Secretary

HAYWARD CARPENTERS 1622

Unless otherwise specified, regular meetings will be held at the Labor Temple, 1050 Mattox Road, each Friday at 8 p.m.

The Social Committee will serve refreshments after the Friday, December 30 meeting. Why not come and say goodbye to 1960 and make a New Year's resolution to attend more meetings in 1961? This is the only way to know what the local is doing.

Trustee Ralph Prink has resigned as Trustee of L.U. 1622. The nomination to fill the vacancy will be held at the regular meeting, Friday, Jan. 6, 1961, and the election will take place at the regular meeting of Friday, Jan. 20, 1961.

Fraternally yours,
MARIUS WALDAL
Recording Secretary

PAINT MAKERS 1101

Due to a contractual holiday, the union office will be closed Friday, Dec. 23.

Fraternally yours,
EDWARD MORGAN
Recording Secretary

MILLMEN 550

The Millmen's Pension Plan requires that EVERYONE who performed work in a mill or cabinet shop file with the Pension Administration Office, 1610 Harrison St., Oakland, a work history form. These forms are available at the administration office and must be filed IMMEDIATELY. The administration office reports that there are still a number who have not filed. This means that they will not be entitled for past service credits for work performed prior to April 1, 1958. This will mean money lost when they retire.

This is true of members of carpenter locals who may have worked in a shop.

Please spread the word. This is important.

The office will be closed Friday evening, Dec. 23, and Friday evening, Dec. 30, because of holidays.

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The next meeting of Plumbers & Gas Fitters Union No. 444 will be a special called one on Wednesday, December 28, 1960, in Hall M on the third floor of the Labor Temple Building, 2315 Valdez St., Oakland, California at 8 p.m.

ORDER OF BUSINESS

1. Reading of the minutes of the previous meeting.
2. Reading of the minutes of the previous executive board meeting.
3. Roll call of officers.
4. Report on progress of collective bargaining.
5. To accept or reject one or more contract offers.

6. If necessary, to authorize the negotiating committee to proceed with strike as voted by secret ballot in our meeting of December 14, 1960.

Fraternally,
BEN H. BEYNON.
Bus. Mgr. & Fin. Sec.-Treas.

STEAMFITTERS LOCAL 342

The results of the recounted ballots, pertaining to two candidates seeking the office of Apprenticeship Committee, resulted in a tie vote; therefore, in accordance with this union's by-laws, election of this office will be held Thursday, January 5, 1961, in Hall H of the Labor Temple. The polls will be open from 6 p.m. to 10 p.m.

Also, on the same evening, the installation of officers will be held for those elected to other offices. This union's first pension checks will be presented to our retired members and will be followed by a buffet luncheon and refreshments.

Kindly arrange your affairs so that you may vote.

Fraternally,
JAMES MARTIN,
Fin. Sec'y. Bus. Mgr.

AUTO & SHIP PAINTERS 1176

The next regular meeting will be held Jan. 3 in Hall D of the Labor Temple, 2315 Valdez St., at 8 p.m.

Fraternally yours,
LESLIE K. MOORE,
Business Representative

BERKELEY PAINTERS LOCAL 40

Our next regular meeting of December 23, 1960, has been cancelled due to the Christmas holiday. The office will be closed Saturday, December 24.

The officers of Local 40 want to wish all our members and their families a very Merry Christmas and a special wish for a prosperous year in 1961.

Fraternally yours,
GENE SLATER,
Recording Secretary

CO. SCHOOL EMPLOYEES 257

The next regular meeting will be held January 7, 1961, at 1918 Grove Street, Oakland, California at 2 p.m.

Please plan to attend as there is something of interest to all members at every meeting.

The executive board will meet at 10:30 a.m.

Fraternally,
VICTOR BARTELS,
Secretary

HAYWARD CULINARY 823

All three meetings of this union will be held on the third Tuesday of the month, the first at 9:30 a.m., the second at 2:30 p.m., and the third at 8:00 p.m. at the union headquarters.

The next regular meeting will be held Jan. 17, 1961.

JOSEPH MEDEIROS,
President
LEROY V. WOODS,
Secretary-Treasurer

UNITED STEELWORKERS 4468

Regular meetings held 2nd Saturday of each month at 10:00 a.m. at Eagles Hall, 1228 - 36th Avenue, Oakland.

Fraternally,
FRANK V. McINTOSH,
Recording Secretary

CLERKS, LUMBER HANDLERS 939

ATTENTION MEMBERS:

Due to the Christmas Holidays the regular meeting of December 23, has been postponed.

The next regular meeting is scheduled for Friday, January 27, 1961.

Fraternally,
A.R. ESTES,
Recording Secretary

STEEL MACHINISTS 1304

Next regular meeting will be Thursday, Jan. 5, 1961, at 8 p.m.

At this meeting we will hold nominations for one (1) Trustee and one (1) Law and Legislative Committeeman.

Executive board meeting at 6:30 p.m.

Please note that the Union Hall will be closed on Monday, Dec. 26, 1960, and on Monday, Jan. 2, 1961.

Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year.

Fraternally yours,
JOHN L. GIFFIN,
Recording Secretary

HAYWARD PAINTERS 1178

Attention: The office will be closed Saturday a.m., Dec. 24th. Govern yourself accordingly.

From all of us to all of you a Happy Holiday Season. Many of you will no doubt be on the road during this time; watch it so that we will see your smiling faces at the up-coming meetings.

It's a long time between meetings. The calendar date of our next regular meeting is Friday night, January the sixth, 1961.

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AFLCIO cooperating in 'Employ the Physically Handicapped' competition

The AFLCIO is cooperating with the President's Committee on Employment of the Physically Handicapped and state committees again this year in their nationwide high school essay contest.

According to information received by the Alameda County Central Labor Council, state labor federations are offering all-expense trips to Washington, D.C., for winners in the various states.

Local labor councils are urged to participate at the local level, AFLCIO President George Meany states in a letter, by encouraging high schools to take part and by publicizing the contest.

Winners are selected in local, state and national competition for scholarships and cash prizes. The contest is designed to acquaint youngsters, their teachers and parents with the importance of equal employment opportunities for handicapped persons.

With the letter from Meany, the labor council received a booklet which tells about 1960 contests and winners.

State retirement & social security

Thomas L. Pitts, secretary-treasurer of the California Labor Federation, AFLCIO, called upon an Assembly interim committee to take necessary steps which will permit state employees to benefit from the advantages of coordinating their state retirement system with the Federal Social Security program.

The coordination of the state retirement system with Social Security was the subject of special hearings of the Assembly interim committee on State Civil Service and State Personnel, headed by Assemblyman Charles W. Meyers.

In a wire to the committee, Pitts urged action to correct the great injustice to state employees performed last year by the legislature when state employees were effectively denied their federally granted privilege to obtain federal Social Security coordination by dividing amongst themselves into two groups—those who want and those who do not want Social Security integration.—AFLCIO News.

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Group Hellender heads launches independent ANC program survey

The Aid to Needy Children Program, target of attacks by district attorneys, the press and economy-at-all-costs advocates in many parts of the state, is the subject of an independent survey by the California Assn. for Health and Welfare.

Arthur R. Hellender, assistant secretary of the Ceentral Labor Council and association president, said he believes this is the only analysis of the program being conducted by an independent organization.

Although the survey is incomplete, Hellender told CLC delegates the association is suggesting the Legislature create a legal distinction between delinquents and children who are court wards because they are taken away from or deserted by their parents.

It is also urging that all juvenile court sessions be closed to the public, to protect youngsters, and that a court be required to make a transcript of all juvenile court cases to expedite appeals.

Tell 'em you saw it in the East Bay Labor Journal!

Five unionists receive U.S. Post Office awards

Five union members in Oakland and San Leandro are among postal employees who received certificates of award recently for suggestions to improve U.S. mail service.

They are:

George H. Antone and Michael K. O'Malley, Oakland Postal Clerks 78.

Bernard J. Connolly, Oakland Letter Carriers 76.

Donald J. Vaudnais, San Leandro Clerks 2591.

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Does free speech stop when Cal men don ROTC uniform?

U.C. Regents postponed decision on getting rid of compulsory military training on the Berkeley campus last Friday until January.

The big issue right now seems to be whether an Army colonel will make good on his threat to flunk students who picketed in ROTC uniforms the previous day.

The Northern California Chapter of the American Civil Liberties Union demanded to know why students shouldn't be allowed to protest in uniform.

The colonel who reportedly threatened to flunk students—John T. Malloy, professor of military science and tactics—said:

"I won't dignify this with an answer."

Ernest Besig, executive director of the ACLU chapter, said he asked Colonel Malloy to confirm or deny a newspaper report.

Colonel Malloy was quoted as saying any of his students picketing in uniform "may find it difficult to pass the course."

Labor federation will fight state bar ruling

The California Labor Federation planned to intervene this week in a proposal that could outlaw plans which provide legal advice to union members.

Jack Hayes, secretary of the State Bar of California, said a proposed new rule is aimed at "interference with the attorney-client relationship." Hayes denied it was directed specifically at legal service plans for union members.

The federation said it would ask this week for a hearing before the State Bar's Board of Governors.

Besig said he asked Colonel Malloy what law or regulation governed the wearing of ROTC uniforms and whether it had been called to the attention of the students in advance.

"Picketing is a lawful activity," Besig pointed out. "It is an expression of freedom of speech."

Besig said he has also written to U.C. Chancellor Glenn T. Seaborg. He said he planned to write to the Defense Department.

Picketing was organized by SLATE, a campus political party. One of those picketing in uniform was James Creighton, an "A" student in military science, who is vice-chairman of SLATE.

The Morrill Act of 1862 requires land grant colleges to offer military classes but does not require that they be compulsory. Compulsory ROTC (Reserve Officers Training Corps) classes for Berkeley freshmen and sophomores have been under fire for many years.

Bailey, Holzner victors in Carmen's 192 runoff

Louis V. Bailey defeated H. W. Grimes, incumbent vice-president and business agent for the operating department, in a runoff election of Carmen's 192 Wednesday, Dec. 14.

The vote was: Bailey, 350; Grimes, 254.

R. J. Holzner outpolled Fred A. Tyler, 435 to 280, in a runoff voting for recording secretary.

T. V. Dalsem, retiring recording secretary will install Bailey, Holzner and other officers elected Dec. 7. The installation will be at the union's night meeting on Jan. 4.

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Anti-Semitism is rapped by AFLCIO

The AFLCIO News said recently:

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There were strong words in the Butcher Workman, official publication of the Amalgamated Meat Cutters and Butcher Workers. This paper said:

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James D. Knauss of Daly City and Paul S. Mercurio of Carmel have been appointed to the State Board of Barber Examiners by Governor Brown.

Knauss, an investigator for the board since 1956, is a past secretary-treasurer of Barbers 312, Stockton, and past vice-president of the California State Assn. of Journeymen Barbers.

Mercurio is owner of a barber shop in Carmel. He is president of Barbers Local 896.

Greyhound, 4 others, get long-haul fare hike OK

Five bus firms, citing higher labor costs, have been given temporary increases on trips of 250 miles or more—bringing them \$70,000 a month in new profits.

They are: Western Greyhound Lines, Transcontinental Bus System, Inc., Continental Pacific Lines, American Buslines, Inc., and Gibson Lines.

'Workers' buying power key to end of recession'

A "major reason" for the present economic slump, according to the current issue of Labor's Economic Review, monthly publication of the AFLCIO Department of Research, has been that "people have not been able to buy enough of the consumer goods and services that can be produced."

A meaningful increase in the buying power of American workers—who purchase nearly 70 per cent of the nation's total output—is "essential" to help lift the nation out of the current recession, the Review declared—AFLCIO News.

Sit-in demonstrator

St. John Dixon, 22-year-old Alabama sit-in demonstrator, was granted admission to San Jose State College this week.

SJS officials turned him down in September, saying his transcript was late. They denied an anti-sit-in policy among state colleges.

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Drug officials subpoenaed to appear before Burton drug probe subcommittee

District managers of seven major drug companies were to be subpoenaed to appear before the Interim Committee on Drug Prices of Assemblyman Phillip Burton this Thursday, Dec. 22.

Drug manufacturers were accused the previous week of "boycotting" the hearings. They were invited but failed to show up, Burton, a San Francisco Democrat, said.

Burton's committee is looking into costs of drugs paid by the state under its public assistance program.

This week's hearing was scheduled to be held Thursday in Room 1158, State Office Building, San Francisco. It will look into the role of manufacturers in the drug cost picture, Burton said.

FTC orders Foremost to sell Golden State

A Federal Trade Commission examiner in Washington, D.C., ruled last week that the acquisition of Golden State Co., Ltd., by Foremost Dairies Inc., in 1953 violated the Clayton Antitrust Act.

Foremost was ordered to sell Golden State and eight other dairies it purchased in 1952-3. Foremost can still appeal the decision.

G.E., Westinghouse plead guilty to antitrust charges

General Electric Co., Westinghouse Electric Corp. and 17 smaller manufacturers have pleaded guilty in federal court to criminal antitrust charges involving price-fixing and rigged bids on multi-million dollar sales of heavy electrical equipment.

The guilty pleas, avoiding lengthy public trials, gave the Justice Department its greatest antitrust victory in many years. Sentences, expected to be imposed early in 1961 by U.S. District Judge J. Cullen Ganey, could result in heavy fines for the companies and possible jail sentences for individual defendants, who include several company vice-presidents and division managers—AFLCIO News.

Time lost due to strikes hits 3-year October low

Idleness resulting from strikes was 1,750,000 man days in October, or 0.19 per cent of working time—the lowest level for October since 1957.

The U.S. Bureau of Labor Statistics reported that 250 stoppages involving about 120,000 workers began in October. Another 200 stoppages, continuing from September, involved about 50,000. Total strike idleness was 1,750,000 man days, same as in September, BLS said.—AFLCIO News.

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Third recession in seven years, Ruttenberg warns

The American economy is bogged down in a recession "for the third time in seven short years," and President-elect John F. Kennedy must exercise "energetic leadership" to end the downturn, AFLCIO Research Director Stanley H. Ruttenberg told the Commonwealth Club of California.

Ruttenberg warned that the burgeoning recession may push joblessness up past the 6,000,000 mark—more than 7 per cent of the labor force—by early 1961.

The new recession, he said, coming "hardly before the last vestiges of the slump of 1957-58 had been swept away," indicates that, despite the so-called business "recoveries," the nation has been "moving further and further away" from maximum employment and production goals.—AFLCIO News.

Holmdahl cancels probe of Transocean pay default

State Sen. John W. Holmdahl cancelled a hearing on default of \$750,000 in wages by Transocean Air Lines last Friday at the company's request.

Holmdahl, chairman of a subcommittee looking into the default, said Transocean is trying to refinance. He said the firm hopes to pay part or all of the wages due.

"The basic lack of protection for wage earners remains, however," Senator Holmdahl continued. "It is my intention to schedule a hearing in January to go into the problem and to propose to the Legislature realistic solutions that will prevent recurrences in the future."

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Members with past service credits in the industry who retired after April 1, 1952, comprised the first group. They received checks of \$18-\$56 per month. In some cases, the checks were retroactive to Oct. 1, 1959.

Ramos commented that these were a welcome Christmas arrival in many cases.

Future retirees, according to Ramos, will be able to build pension credits in addition to the above amounts. Normal pension for 25 years' service will be \$52, but those with more service will be eligible for more. Ten years service will be required to receive a pension. Maximum for already retired members who had 25 years' service was \$30 a month.

An effort was made, Ramos said, to create a balanced program which would grant small pensions to those who have retired already and also provide for those who will retire in the future.

The pension plan is being ad-

Drug price fixing probe results in indictment of pharmaceutical assn.

The Northern California Pharmaceutical Assn. and a former president, Donald K. Hedgpeth, were indicted by a Federal Grand Jury in San Francisco last week on drug price fixing charges.

The association represents about three out of four Northern California drug stores.

During a four week investigation, it was charged that Hedgpeth was the author of the "Hedgpeth formula," a list of suggested retail prices for stores. He was identified as chairman of the association's pricing committee.

After studying the alleged price lists, the U.S. Justice Department said that price markups for prescriptions in Northern California during the last three years have ranged up to 1,850 per cent.

ministered by five union and five employer representatives. It covers Alameda, Contra Costa, Santa Clara, San Mateo and Marin counties, which have about 3,000 members of the Millmen's Union.

Locals involved are Locals 42, San Francisco; 262, San Jose, 550, Oakland; 1956, Pittsburg, and 2095, San Rafael.

Admitted to participation, in addition, are members of Lumber Handlers Locals 3102, Santa Clara County, and 2559, San Francisco, and millmen-members of Carpenters Locals 1323, Monterey, and 925, Salinas.

The plan is based on 10-cent per hour employer contributions.

"The pension plan committee has approached establishment of this plan in a careful manner," Ramos said, "by retention of topflight actuarial, legal and investment counsel services."

In his opinion, Ramos added, the plan will fill the gap in the retirement program created by the fact that Social Security benefits at present are inadequate.

Union membership lagging, Pitts says

Union membership "is not keeping pace with the growth of the labor force," Thomas L. Pitts, secretary of the California Labor Federation, says in his Christmas message.

Union membership has declined from 43 per cent of the state's labor force to 37 per cent in the last 10 years, Pitts said, even though it increased numerically by 400,000.

Despite the relative drop, Pitts said, new challenges—including automation—lie on the horizon. He pointed out we are experiencing the fourth recession since World War II and that racial discrimination is still a major problem.

Our "dual standards of public morality" toward farm workers are a reminder of another major problem confronting the labor movement, Pitts said.

MANY TEACHERS fear reprisals for criticizing schools. Dr. Joel Hildebrand of U.C. told a legislative committee last week,

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'COKE' BOTTLES

Coplin said every union is affected by the threat of foreign imports.

He told of his union's campaign against "Coke" bottles which have been made in Japan but stressed that he was talking about all imported goods.

Bumper strips, Coplin said, would spread the message to members of the general public who are not members of unions. He showed delegates a sample bumper strip.

RELATED TO LAMP PLANT

William Drohan of District 8, International Union of Electric, Radio and Machine Workers, said General Electric Co. is one of the heaviest investors in foreign products.

Since World War II, Drohan said, the United States has spent billions to build up other countries. Now, he said, products from these countries are threatening American jobs.

G.E. plants or affiliates make lamp bulbs in Japan and Mexico, and this is connected with the fact that the company plans to close its Oakland lamp plant in February, Drohan charged.

"This is a major problem and will take more than an occasional speech or boycott," Drohan said.

Drohan called for efforts to convince legislators that imports constitute one of the most serious problems confronting our economy. He observed that Ford Motor Co. is buying British Ford stock; yet the president of U.S. Ford has just been appointed Secretary of Defense.

STANDARD OIL TANKERS

Lloyd Ferber of Steelworkers 1304 said most industries have or are building plants in other nations.

Ferber said Standard Oil Co. built two of its biggest tankers in Japan. He expressed the hope that the new Administration will show more understanding of the import problem.

John Ferro of Printing Specialties Joint District Council 5 said imported envelopes are now being sold in the United States for prices lower than American envelopes.

ASH ON SERVICEMEN

Robert S. Ash, council secretary, said labor must give serious thought to whether the United

States should trade with other nations or "continue to feed" them.

He stressed that he doesn't know what the new Administration will do.

As far as the Eisenhower Administration is concerned, Ash said, it ordered U.S. military dependents home, but sent them by a foreign airline (Swissair) and their baggage by foreign (Liberian) freighter.

DROHAN'S FURTHER REPORT

After the meeting, Drohan gave the following additional information to the East Bay Labor Journal from an IUE officers' report.

The hoax that General Electric, Westinghouse and other companies are trying to put over concerning their fear of foreign imports is largely a bogeyman.

These companies are producing competing products overseas themselves. But they're keeping quiet about it, in most cases.

A Wall Street Journal article tells of Matsushita Electric Co. (Japan) transistor radios being sold in the United States with Bulova nameplates.

It says Motorola, Emerson and RCA have radio manufacturing plants or associates in Japan.

Sanyo Electric Co. (Japan) products are sold by RCA in the United States under the Channel Master name, according to the Wall Street Journal.

It says International General Electric Co. imports components and complete sets from Tokyo Shiba Electric (Toshiba) for sale outside the United States and Canada.

The IUE says G.E. signed at least 10 licensing agreements with Toshiba in the 1950's; yet it shows "captive audiences" a "horror-film" on the import threat. These captive audiences, of course, are employees.

Westinghouse, the Wall Street Journal article said, is a large stockholder in Mitsubishi Denki, one of Japan's largest electronics firms, and G.E. is the largest single stockholder in Toshiba.

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In 1950, the commission figured Minnie could get by on \$38.54 a week. The budget commissioners are considering \$51.30.

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Look deflates AMA's propaganda on Britain

"Does Socialized Medicine Work in Britain?"

"Yes," says an article in the Dec. 20 issue of Look Magazine.

The article, written by Look's European editor, deflates American Medical Assn. propaganda against the British health system.

A DEMOCRATIC proposal for a U.S. consumer counsel is getting the "panic" treatment from big business, The Machinist says.

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No holiday from 8-hr. law during holidays!

Women in retail and wholesale merchandising jobs cannot work more than eight hours per day or more than six days per week.

This warning was issued last week by John F. Henning, director of the State Department of Industrial Relations. Henning said many employers in past years have permitted women employees to work long hours during the holiday season.

It is a misdemeanor to employ women more than eight hours a day or more than six days a week, Henning said. First violations are punishable by fine and subsequent violations by fine and imprisonment.

Cal-Vet loan applications up to date, director says

Starting with the New Year, the 17 district offices of the "Cal-Vet" loan program will be current in their handling of veterans' applications, Director of Veterans Affairs Joseph M. Farber announced recently.

Farber said the "loan commitment" plan introduced last summer had enabled the Department of Veterans Affairs to eliminate a backlog of some 12,000 applications on file one year ago.

CONSUMERS UNION has a \$20,000 Atomic Energy Commission contract to study radioactivity in food.

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Little brother and big business in the cabinet

Now that President-elect Kennedy has won back some of the Stevensonians by naming Adlai as U.S. Ambassador to the United Nations, he has alienated the anti-nepotism faction by naming his brother Attorney General.

He has made the AFLCIO hierarchy happy by naming Arthur J. Goldberg Secretary of Labor, but he's named a flock of big businessmen to other posts, including:

—Douglas Dillon, an Eisenhower ambassador and under-secretary and an executive of Dillon, Read & Co., New York investment bankers, which have been mixed up in monopoly and munitions probes.

—Robert S. McNamara, head of Ford Motor Co., who may turn out to be better than General Motors' Engine Charlie Wilson because he hasn't been around the auto industry so long.

—North Carolina Governor Luther Hodges, former manager of Marshall Field Mills, who has been denounced by the Textile Workers' Union for his role in the bitter strike at Henderson, N.C.

—J. Edward Day of Los Angeles, Prudential Life Insurance Co. vice-president, whose company deals with the union but was involved in a bitter strike seven years ago.

It can be argued that Dean Rusk, the new secretary of state, is not a big business man. The Rockefeller Foundation, which he headed, is only connected with big business. It isn't a profit making venture by itself.

Of course, these men may be the best available in the United States for each of their respective jobs. And the President of the United States has a right to choose whomever he wishes for his cabinet.

Our attitude is: We'll wait and see.

Farm workers

Both sides are warming up in the daily press for a crucial battle in the campaign to end California's "Harvest of Shame."

The next battlefield will be the corridors of the State Capitol, where the big farm lobbies will try to persuade assemblymen and state senators to continue California's dual standard of living.

In Washington, D.C., similar touching scenes will be taking place.

The AFLCIO Agricultural Workers Organizing Committee (AWOC) has improved the wages of many farm workers and won grudging respect from some farmers.

But many migrant farm workers still work for piece rates, a system long outmoded in industry. A whole family may earn less than half what an industrial worker takes home. And the hard, seasonal work is precarious, at best. A recent report dramatized the deplorable health and housing standards in the rural slums which circle some of our modern, bustling cities.

Laws are needed to extend to farm workers the same protection which industrial workers have enjoyed for a quarter of a century or more.

Laws are needed to end the rural slums. Laws are needed to end the discrimination which has kept county health and welfare services from most migrant workers' families.

The plight of the farm worker is more than a labor problem. It is a serious social blight. Let us hope that our lawmakers take note of the growing public concern over it, rather than listening to the pleas of the "agribusinessmen."

The BIG (wonderful?) press

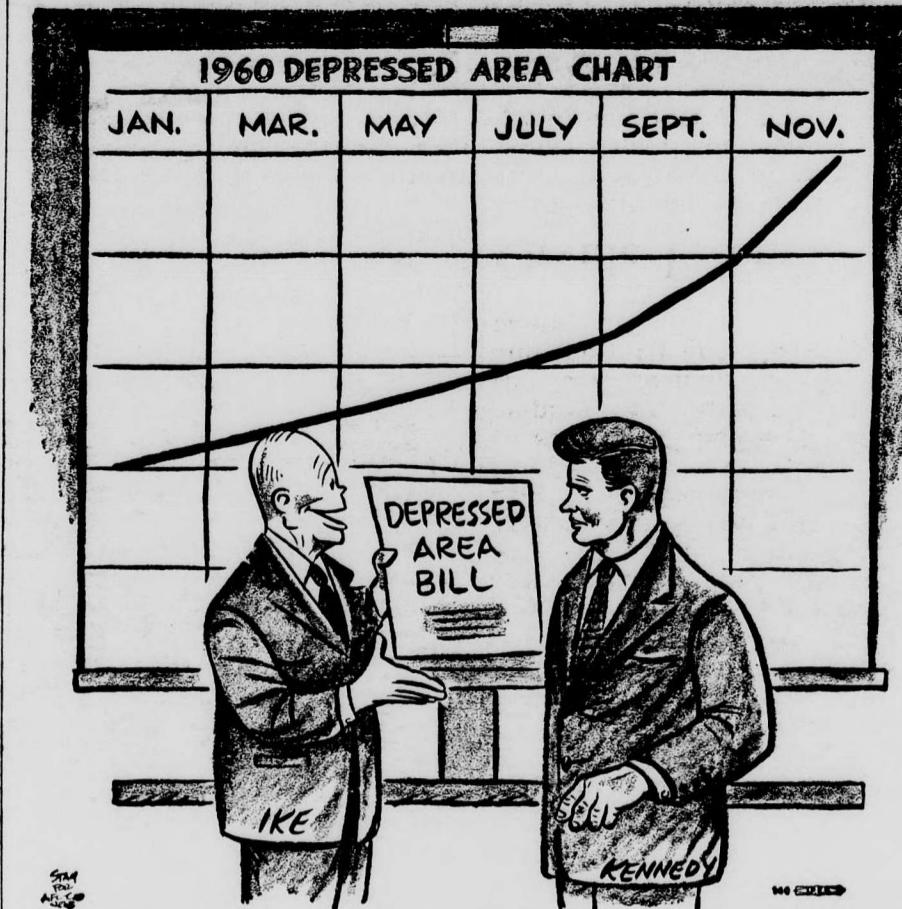
The editor of the Detroit News chose an audience of journalism students at Wayne University to say how wonderful he thinks the American press really is. Newspapers give the public what they (supposedly) want and sell more ads than they used to. Or so the man said.

We feel there are lots of things wrong with the American press. Any discerning journalism student knows some of them. Presumably this includes those at Wayne University, too.

One dangerous trend is the growth of newspaper monopolies, to which the Detroit News contributed recently by buying and closing the Detroit Times.

Many union members are out of work this Christmas on account of this "merger." We wonder if the editor said that.

Here's One I Vetoed Twice



WHY KENNEDY WON—HE USED FDR'S COALITION

Labor played an important, but by no means decisive, role in the recent election.

Religion was the most important element in the campaign.

But the big question—whether it worked for or against Kennedy—hasn't been answered satisfactorily.

As for Nixon, he revealed "real political ineptitude."

These were some of the points made by Irving Bernstein, assistant director of the UCLA Institute of Industrial Relations, at the 11th annual Labor Press Conference of the California Labor Federation.

Bernstein is the author of "The Lean Years," just published by Houghton Mifflin Co.

His book tells the plight of the American worker from 1920 to 1933.

ISSUES SECONDARY

In his talk, Bernstein placed the issues of the campaign in a secondary role. And he said the economic slump came too late to have much effect, except in areas such as Pennsylvania and Michigan, which have been depressed for some time.

Bernstein believes that the voter is influenced by the interplay of several factors—economic, ethnic, family politics, local and regional voting patterns, apathy and religion.

Usually, religion is unimportant in a presidential contest, Bernstein pointed out.

But in 1960 the Catholic and Jewish votes were important to Kennedy's victory. Some Protestant denominations (but not all) and some Protestant areas went solidly for Nixon.

ROOSEVELT COALITION

Kennedy won, Bernstein said, because he revived most of the elements of the old Roosevelt coalition.

Most of these elements existed in the cities in large industrial states, although the majority of the South remained in the Democratic camp.

Kennedy's coalition included Catholics, East and South European minorities, Negroes, Spanish speaking peoples, Jews and labor, Bernstein said.

Elements of the Roosevelt coalition which Kennedy lost, Bernstein believes, were part of the South and the Midwest farm vote.

To win reelection, Kennedy must cement the allegiances in his coalition and form new allegiances. He would have lost this year without any part of his coalition. He will lose in 1964 unless he keeps the coalition together and enlarges it, Bernstein said.

Original indications were that the vote turnout would be small. What changed it?

Bernstein attributed the large turnout to the religious issue, the television debates and a "superb" registration drive by both parties and organized labor.

Labor's registration drives in industrial areas, Bernstein said, were its most important contribution to Kennedy's election.

Bernstein cited areas in seven large cities which have big union registrations. In each area, the Democratic vote increased considerably over 1956.

Here are the figures (selected industrial precincts each city with percentage of Democratic vote):

	1956	1960
Chicago	47%	70%
San Francisco	58%	68%
Los Angeles	34%	44%
Gary, Ind.	51%	66%
Philadelphia	54%	65%
Detroit	67%	76%
New York	55%	69%

NEGRO VOTE

Bernstein also noted a swing to the Democrats among Negroes, both in the North and the South.

He said Eisenhower probably carried the majority of the Southern Negro vote in 1956. Many changed to Kennedy in 1960, he said, because of:

1. Unemployment, which is particularly hard on minority groups.

2. The liberal Democratic platform.

3. The slow pace of integration under the Republicans, and

4. Kennedy's intervention in the Martin Luther King case.

NIXON'S ERRORS

Bernstein said Kennedy put on a "brilliant" campaign and Nixon a poor one, which included several strategic blunders.

Nixon, he said, gave up the Negro and Spanish-speaking vote "by default"; should not have consented to the television debates, which made Kennedy known; waited too long to bring President Eisenhower into the campaign; promised to visit all 50 states but didn't visit Philadelphia, and failed to repudiate the Rev. Norman Vincent Peale and the early anti-Catholic campaign.

The losers in an election, meanwhile, should be ready to accept the public's verdict, instead of venting their disappointment on those who carefully and impartially do their ill-paid, but honored, duties.

OPINIONS

You Write 'Em . . .
We Run 'Em!

HUAC 'HAS DUTY AND OBLIGATION'

Editor, Labor Journal:

I think the hour has arrived to be forthright as to what we as Americans do stand for, and those luminaries of lunacy claim when they would quell the very essence of democracy—free speech. The Un-American Activities Committee has a duty and obligation to protect the security of our country from any and all infiltration of sedition in whatever forms they may assume.

Educators are placed into positions of responsibilities and paid by the American people for loyal democratic propagation of ideals long held sacred under God as the cornerstone of our civilization as free men. Shall we abandon those ideals to crackpot, blind seers, or to the organized Communist conspiracy for the total destruction of our republic?

I say "No." The price of freedom has been paid in blood and sacrifice, death and destruction, from the days of our inception as a nation. Would we now prostrate those principles or deny the deathless sacrifice of the fallen for freedom? Can Bunker Hill or Tarawa be overlooked or discounted as useless when we now live under those liberties that were so dearly bought with the lifeblood of our patriots?

We shall not as an American people submit to intimidation of the Un-American Activities Committee nor suppress their worst efforts to keep our country free. We who have borne the brunt of battle will not be subjected to these disgraceful displays of agitators in whatever guise they may attempt. We shall resolutely carry out the principles and practice of those high ideals that God alone can inspire. But should the precepts of decency and government be attacked, we shall rise in righteous indignation and remove the viper from our breast though many of us may die in the attempt.

H. A. COOPER,
Member, Carpenters 1473.

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ELECTION WORK PAY

Editor, Labor Journal:

Like to work 22 hours straight at 82 cents an hour doing tedious work in a cold, drafty garage and then be heaped with abuse in spite of your competent work? That's understandable. Not many people do. Fortunately, enough have the public spiritedness to take just such jobs to man our election polling places.

These pay scales should be corrected. Our County Board of Supervisors should take the action needed to bring these pathetic pay scales up to a fair rate.

The losers in an election, meanwhile, should be ready to accept the public's verdict, instead of venting their disappointment on those who carefully and impartially do their ill-paid, but honored, duties.

GEORGE MALONE,
Member, Teachers 771.

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VALUE OF WEDLOCK

Who of us is mature enough for offspring before the offspring themselves arrive? The value of marriage is not that adults produce children but that children produce adults.—Peter de Vries.

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BACK ON TRACK

The task that lies ahead is not to create a new national purpose but to try to recapture the old one. — President-elect Kennedy.